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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed April 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

(Amended six times) A method comprising:
receiving from a user an input selecting a layer in an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, the selected layer having content including one or more non-transparent regions in a transparent frame;
in response to the input selecting a layer, defining an area in the selected layer by automatically determining a perimeter boundary of the one or more non-transparent regions in the selected layer;
assigning an action to the area, the action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected; and
associating the area and the action with the selected layer as a property of the selected layer in the electronic artwork.

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